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SUBJ: DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH RUSH

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY DEPUTY SECRETARY KENNETH RUSH  
WAS ISSUED TO THE PRESS UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE PHILIPPINES  
MARCH 11, 1974:

"I HAVE JUST COMPLETED A VERY FULL AND INFORMATIVE STAY  
ON MY FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES. I CAME HERE TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS ROLE IN ASIA, AND I  
LEAVE SATISFIED THAT I HAVE GAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF  
YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR PROBLEMS AND THE PROGRAMS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

"I HAVE HELD MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS,  
AND HE KINDLY HOSTED A LUNCHEON AT WHICH I WAS ABLE TO MEET  
MANY SENIOR PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS. HE EXPLAINED TO  
ME HIS GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AND PROGRAMS, AND WE DISCUSSED  
THE VIEW OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON A VARIETY OF BI-  
LATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. I ALSO HAD THE  
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PLEASURE OF MEETING SECRETARY ROMULO AGAIN, AND WE

HELD USEFUL DISCUSSIONS IN MANILA AND BAGUIO.

"DURING MY VISIT I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOR OF YOUR NATION. I HAVE ALSO BEEN STRUCK BY THE INTEREST OF YOUR LEADERS IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE PROGRESS AND PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. PEACE HAS BEEN AN ELUSIVE GOAL DURING THE PAST TWO DOZEN YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY IN AT LEAST TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN THE REGION. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE DISPUTING PARTIES CAN BRING AN END TO THE DESTRUCTION AND LOSS OF LIFE.

"PEACE IN ASIA REQUIRES THE EFFORTS OF BOTH THE MAJOR WORLD POWERS AND THE SMALLER STATES OF THE REGION. IN THIS CONNECTION, AMERICAN POLICIES IN ASIA HAVE TWO BASIC AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING PURPOSES. FIRST, WE SEEK TO BUILD A NETWORK OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL RESTRAINT AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS IN ASIA: THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. SECOND, WE INTEND TO PURSUE WITH OUR ALLIES IN ASIA THE GOAL OF THE NIXON DOCTRINE TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND BURDENS OF DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE. IF WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVE THESE PURPOSES, THEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP FREE OF THE DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT.

"THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO KEEP A PRESENCE IN ASIA IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE EQUILIBRIUM WHICH NOW EXISTS. HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES THAT PRESENCE NOT ONLY SUPPORTS THE MUTUAL SECURITY ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS, BUT ALSO PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE STRUCTURE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT ASIA .

"JUST AS WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR CLOSE SECURITY ASSOCIATION WITH THE PHILIPPINES, WE ARE SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF OUR FRIENDSHIPS. AS YOU KNOW, THE LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT EXPIRES SHORTLY, AND WE HAVE BEGUN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF ARRANGEMENTS TO SUCCEED THAT AGREEMENT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE TALKS

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WILL REFLECT THE MATURE PATTERNS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND WILL, THEREFORE, LEAD TO AN ENDURING AND SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP IN THE PERIOD WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES IN 1969 DESCRIBED AS THE NEW ERA IN PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN HISTORY.

"IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO SALUTE THE STRENGTH

AND MATURITY OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRINDSHIP. I  
LEAVE THE PHILIPPINES DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FRANK  
DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD AND OF THE WARMTH OF THE HOSPITALITY  
WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MRS. RUSH AND TO ME. MABUHAY."  
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